

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL WALTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2022

Mr. WALTZ. Madam Speaker, I missed the passage vote on concurring in the Senate Amendment to H.R. 7018—Suspending Normal Trade Relations with Russia and Belarus Act. Had I been present, I would have voted Yea on Roll Call No. 124.

HONORING 50 YEARS OF FAMILY MEDICINE RESIDENCY SPOKANE

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2022

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 50th Anniversary of the Family Medicine Residency Spokane program.

Serving the Spokane community since 1972, this residency program is the oldest family residency program in Washington and graduated the first class of three family medicine physicians just two years after launching. Over the last 50 years, interest in the program has blossomed and residency classes have grown. In 2014, the program grew again with the help of the Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education funding program.

The 365 graduates of this program have gone on to provide primary care services in their communities, taken on leadership roles in other residency programs, received prestigious national appointments to various associations, and some have even returned to the Family Medicine Residency Spokane program as faculty to help mentor incoming resident physicians.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Family Medicine Residency Spokane played an integral role in the continuation of care delivery by serving as urgent care overflow. Their commitment to care helped ease the burden on urgent care facilities and emergency rooms across Spokane. They also provided telemedicine care to patients who were unable to visit in-person, administered immunizations to community members during one of the first vaccine clinics in Spokane, and stood ready to assist in our hospitals.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the many accomplishments of the Family Medicine Residency Spokane program. They are truly frontline heroes, and I wish them the best during this 50th year of service and beyond.

RECOGNITION OF BOBBIEJO LAZO

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2022

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Bobbiejo Lazo for receiving the Veterans of Foreign Distinguished Service Award. Bobbiejo has been the department of Virginia's State Service Officer for 7

years, and previously served as Post Junior Vice Commander. As State Service Officer, Bobbiejo has built a new organization to assist veterans from the ground through hiring and training personnel. Over the course of 7 years, Bobbiejo was able to lead her team in providing crucial high-quality support to veterans.

Bobbiejo served in the Army for 6 years and earned her Veteran of Foreign War eligibility bravely fighting in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Her bravery has earned her numerous other military accolades including the Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and Terrorism Expeditionary Medal.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing the accomplishments of Bobbiejo Lazo. Words alone cannot express our gratitude for her service and excellent support of Veterans. May God bless Bobbiejo as she continues to serve her nation and our veterans. I look forward to seeing her continued excellence.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF UNION FIRE COMPANY NO. 2 IN BALLSTON SPA, NEW YORK

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2022

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Union Fire Company No. 2 in Ballston Spa, New York as they celebrate their "Old Timers" at their annual banquet. This fire company has shown great pride in their community and has served Ballston Spa's residents for over one hundred years.

In 1855, a group of firefighters known as the "Star Fire Co." began serving the Ballston Spa community. On June 11, 1901, they officially became Union Fire Company No. 2 and have been proudly protecting their community ever since. Over the last century, the fire company has continuously grown and has now expanded to a two story and two bay facility that can house multiple apparatuses. In 2001, the company had the honor of celebrating one hundred years of faithful service to the Ballston Spa community and surrounding areas. The company also proudly boasts numerous trophies and awards won by their incredible team and the department's band. In 2019, the company responded to a record total of 419 emergency calls, exemplifying their unwavering dedication to the safety of the Ballston Spa community.

With the motto "Ever Ready," the Union Fire Company prides itself on its exceptional community outreach. In addition to their annual banquets celebrating their past and current members, they also hold numerous community events. Ballston Spa's youth are a major focus for this company, demonstrated in their sponsorship of many local sports teams and their fire safety lessons for young students.

Union Fire Company No. 2 has shown tremendous dedication to protecting and serving the Ballston Spa community. On behalf of New York's 21st District, I am proud to honor and thank every current and past member of Union Fire Company No. 2.

BROWN V. BOARD OF EDUCATION NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK EXPANSION AND REDESIGNATION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak in support of S. 270, the Brown v. Board of Education National Historical Park Expansion and Redesignation Act.

S. 270 will redesignate the Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site in Topeka, Kansas as the Brown v. Board of Education National Historical Park.

Further, the bill will expand the Brown v. Board of Education designation by establishing additional sites in South Carolina, Virginia, Delaware, and the District of Columbia.

The Topeka, Kansas site has memorialized the stories of perseverance for equal access to education. However, when Brown v. Board of Education was litigated at the U.S. Supreme Court, it consolidated four other school segregation cases and it is important that we recognize this through expanding the Brown v. Board National Historic Site to each of these four relevant locations.

These cases were Briggs v. Elliot in South Carolina, Davis v. County of Virginia, Gebhart v. Belton of Delaware, and Bolling v. Sharpe of the District of Columbia.

The Supreme Court's landmark decision in Brown v. Board of Education found that racial segregation in public education violated the 14th Amendment to the Constitution, which guarantees all citizens equal protection of laws.

The effect of this decision was the end of segregation in public schools, effectively overturning the doctrine of "separate but equal" established by the Court in the 1896 decision of Plessy v. Ferguson.

Every child has a right to equitable education and learning opportunities without being limited by their race and other arbitrary or irrelevant factors.

It is incredible how Brown v. Board overturned what was a commonplace injustice. And in its place formed a new reality where every student can learn unhindered by the color of their skin or their ethnicity.

This case changed the course of civil rights in this country and set a powerful precedent for equality and human dignity around the world.

In memorializing this unprecedented decision, it is vital we consider the states and respective towns involved in this case. Each of the 5 cases contributes its own unique stories and backgrounds in the struggle for educational equity.

By establishing additional sites and affiliated areas in South Carolina, Virginia, Delaware, and the District of Columbia, we ensure that the 5 major cases and locations in Brown v. Board are commemorated in each of the locations that gave rise to this historic transformation.

I urge all members to join me in voting for S. 270, the Brown v. Board of Education National Historical Park Expansion and Redesignation Act.

IN HONOR OF THE BLUEGRASS
AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2022

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the members of the Bluegrass Area Development District on their 50th anniversary.

The BGADD is a non-profit organization serving over 800,000 residents in the Kentucky counties of Anderson, Bourbon, Boyle, Clark, Estill, Fayette, Franklin, Garrard, Harrison, Jessamine, Lincoln, Madison, Mercer, Nicholas, Powell, Scott, and Woodford. For the past 50 years, The Bluegrass ADD has provided a regional voice for local governments on issues such as planning, economic development, environment, transportation, homeland security, public utilities, aging and independent living, and workforce development.

The concept of Area Development Districts (ADDs) originated in Kentucky in the early 1960's with the establishment of Area Development Councils. These Councils were organized in all counties and ultimately became the model for the Area Development authorization in landmark federal acts such as the Appalachian Regional Development Act led by Kentuckian John Whisman and the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1963. The fifteen Area Development Districts were formed during the period that followed, 1966 to 1971, serving all 120 Kentucky counties. The Bluegrass ADD (BGADD) was the last ADD to incorporate, filing their articles of incorporation on November 8, 1971.

It is my honor to recognize the members, the leaders, and the dedicated staff of the Bluegrass Area Development District. I congratulate them on their 50-year history, celebrate their many accomplishments, and look forward to many years of serving the citizens of central Kentucky.

CELEBRATING THE CONTRIBUTIONS
OF FREDERICK LAW
OLMSTED

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2022

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, today we honor the tremendous legacy of Frederick Law Olmsted. April 26, 2022, marks the 200th anniversary of his birth, a day to celebrate and reflect on the great impact he had in my home community of Buffalo and Niagara Falls, New York and across the country.

When we visit and admire our national parks, we owe a great gratitude to Frederick Law Olmsted, as he was one of the first individuals to promote the idea of national parks in his 1865 Yosemite Report. He is remembered as the premier landscape architect in the United States during the 19th century and is considered to be the founder of landscape architecture in the United States.

His work and designs included a plethora of different types of landscapes. He worked to develop parks and parkways, college campuses, planned communities, estates, cemeteries, and recreation areas.

In our very own community, we see his impact reflected in the Buffalo Olmsted Park System; the first of its kind in this country which today is recognized on the National Register for Historic Places, and in his design of the State Reservation at Niagara, the first and oldest State Park in the United States which preserved public access to the mighty and splendid Niagara Falls.

It was not just the landscapes themselves that were impressive, but Olmsted's philosophy behind his work and designs which were visionary and have stood the test of time. He believed that landscape designs should promote community, advance democracy, provide recreational opportunities in urban environments, nurture and invigorate public health, and encourage the development of livable communities.

This philosophy was carried out well into the 20th century by Olmsted's associates, sons, and successor firms, leaving a tremendous legacy of historic landscapes that continues to benefit all Americans and visitors.

Madam Speaker, Olmsted's landscape designs are inclusive, enduring, and embrace the restorative value of parks which continue to play a valuable role in society today.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF ADRIANO BAZA PANGELINAN

HON. MICHAEL F. Q. SAN NICOLAS

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2022

Mr. SAN NICOLAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Adriano Baza Pangelinan. Adriano was a pioneer of contemporary art and esteemed ambassador of Guam whose love for our island and people has and continues to resonate in countless ways. We will fondly remember him as a talented visionary that has helped shape the history and revitalize the spirit of artistry for our community.

As a student at George Washington High School, Adriano launched a distinguished art career at an early age. In the late 1960s, Adriano's undeniable talent, understanding, and use of color compelled his art teacher to submit several of his works to various national and international student art shows. Garnering much attention and acclamation from throughout the world, 17-year-old Adriano was invited to the Chautauqua Institute Art Exhibit in New York State. Shortly thereafter, knowledge of his name and work began to spread. An article about him was published in the New York Times, he was invited to exhibit a one-man show at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, and he received numerous other exhibition invitations from places such as Japan and Texas.

Passionate about elevating his creative skills and work, Adriano earned his Master of Fine Arts degree in painting from Southern Illinois University in 1973. By then, he had captivated a worldwide audience and obtained international recognition. Yet instead of taking his wisdom and expertise abroad, he chose to return home to give back to the very people and island often at the center of his vivid watercolor pieces. Upon his arrival, he took on a role as a professor of art at the University of Guam up until his retirement in 1993. For two

decades he served as a teacher and mentor—supporting generations of young artists along their personal paths of success. Today, the distinctive colors, perspective, and character embodied in Adriano's work can be found in many local public spaces including Guam's A. B. Won Pat International Airport, the Guam Legislature, King's Restaurant, Pacific Islands Club Resort, Guam Hilton Hotel, and numerous other hotels. With themes ranging from island customs and daily activities to architecture and homes, they persist as stunning reminders of the beauty that he saw, and we can similarly discover, in our lives, history, and culture.

Adriano Baza Pangelinan is an icon of ingenuity who continues to inspire emerging artists and appreciators alike. My family and I wish to extend our hearts and prayers for Adriano, his wife Shiela, children Adriano, Carlos, Marilyn, Sean, and Dano, and the rest of their family and friends, and I join the People of Guam in remembering and celebrating his life and legacy of remaining grounded in one's community and roots no matter where their success may take them. Though Adriano will be deeply missed, he will be welcomed at the Heavenly Gates by his dear mother Pilar, father Vicente, siblings Cristobal, Abelina, Enrique, and Jose, and daughter Filomena, and his love and memories will forever remain in the hearts of the People of Guam.

HONORING REBECCA REYNOLDS
FOR BEING AWARDED THE GOLD
AWARD BY GIRL SCOUTS OF
MICHIGAN SHORE TO SHORE

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2022

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Rebecca Reynolds for being awarded the Gold Award by the Girl Scouts of Michigan Shore to Shore. Through her devotion to her community, Rebecca successfully secured multiple grants to help provide funding for modernized technology and resources for her peers.

The Gold Award is a highly prestigious honor given out to only a small fraction of Girl Scouts each year. Since 1916, the Girl Scout's Gold Award has been the highest possible achievement of scouts, typically taking between 1–2 years of work to obtain. Rebecca Reynolds of Gaylord, Michigan, is one of the honorees that will be receiving the Gold Award through her efforts to create a Makerspace at the Otsego County Library. She achieved this goal by securing three grants to help modernize resources available to her peers and the public. As a result of Rebecca's work, two 3D printers, a CNC Machine, Sphero Robots, and many other materials are now available for public use. I commend her selfless work on behalf of her fellow Michiganders, which will surely inspire many to take up interests in STEM education.

Madam Speaker, it's my honor to recognize Rebecca Reynolds for being awarded the Gold Award by the Girl Scouts of Michigan Shore to Shore. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing the First District is home to such dedicated citizens. On behalf of my constituents, I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.